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Application of)

Stefan Van Dyck)

Serial No. 09/918,313)

Filed: July 30, 2001)

For: Solid Phase Synthesis of Salts of)
Organic Acids)

Group Art Unit 1625

Examiner: T. Victor Oh

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Box Fee Amendment
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent,
and in response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2001, kindly enter and consider the
following remarks relative to consideration of the present application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 5-10, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated
by Moore. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed. The claims 1-13 of the
application all define a process in which an inert material is added to a reaction vessel, the
addition of liquid organic acid and the addition of a base. Moore does not teach starting
with an inert material. Moore clearly does not anticipate the claims.

Moore also does not anticipate the present invention as defined in the claims in that
Moore does not teach the creation of an organic acid salt product that dries without the use
of additional sources of heat. The only examples of Moore in which the exothermic